

FENStatS Funding Calls 2026

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The Federation of European National Statistical Societies (FENStatS) invites applications for two funding initiatives that will run in 2026. These initiatives aim to:

- Strengthen collaboration between National Statistical Societies through joint activities and conference sessions.
- Support the participation of Young Statisticians from smaller societies in Eastern or Southern Europe in international conferences.

Both initiatives align with FENStatS' strategic actions for 2026:

SA.1) Strengthen collaboration between members by organising FENStatS-specific sessions at national and international conferences.

SA.6) Provide travel grants for Young Statisticians (e.g., PhD students) from smaller national societies in Eastern or Southern European countries to attend international conferences.

The details of the two funding initiatives are outlined in the following pages:

1. [Funding for National Statistical Societies organising FENStatS sessions](#)
2. [Travel Grants for Young Statisticians](#)

1. Funding for National Statistical Societies organising FENStatS sessions

Objective

Support National Statistical Societies that organise FENStatS-dedicated sessions at national meetings or international conferences. Sessions must involve participants from more than two National Societies in different countries and focus on a specific topic.

Eligibility

National Statistical Societies affiliated with FENStatS that have their 2025 FENStatS membership fees paid.

Funding available

Each proposal may receive up to 2,000 euros to cover travel expenses, including flights, accommodation, local transportation and meals. The total funding available for 2026 is 6,000 euros.

Selection criteria

Proposals will be assessed on the quality and originality of the planned session, the number of members and geographical scope of the applicant society, the impact of the society's activities on the development of statistics in Europe, and the gender balance of the proposed session. Sessions organised to participate in the FENStatS conference in Rome next June 2026 will be prioritised (<https://sis2026.sis-statistica.it/>). The FENStatS Executive Committee will evaluate applications.

Application process

Proposals must include:

- A cover letter (maximum three pages) addressing the selection criteria, with a detailed travel budget and details of collaborating National Societies.
- An abstract of the proposed session.
- Signed own declaration of lack of alternative funding options.
- Proposals must be submitted to administration@fenstats.eu by **1 February 2026**. Funds will be reimbursed upon submission of expense receipts.

2. Travel Grants for Young Statisticians

Objective

Enable Young Statisticians from small National Societies in Eastern or Southern Europe to attend international conferences and present their work.

Eligibility

Applicants must be members of a National Statistical Society affiliated with FENStatS. The National Statistical Society must be regular with the 2025 FENStatS membership fees.

Funding available

A total of 1,000 euros has been allocated for this initiative in 2026.

Selection criteria

Applicants must have an oral presentation accepted at an international conference.

Selection will be based on academic excellence (grades, publications, awards). Applicants must also demonstrate a financial commitment related to travelling to attend the conference, for example, by covering some transportation or accommodation costs. Priority will be given to PhD students, and FENStatS aims for sex-balanced representation. Participation in the FENStatS conference in Rome next June 2026 will also be taken into account (<https://sis2026.sis-statistica.it/>). The FENStatS Executive Committee will evaluate applications.

Application process

Proposals must include:

- A motivation letter (maximum two pages) with a detailed travel budget.
 - CV, including publications and confirmation of membership in a National Statistical Society.
 - Proof of grades and awards.
 - The abstract submitted for the oral presentation, informing the conference to which it was applied.
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- Young researchers must submit their proposals to administration@fenstats.eu by **25 March 2026**. Grants will be reimbursed upon submission of expense receipts and proof of attendance at the conference.